

## Newsletter – November 2015

### LMC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues, including the GP Capacity and LLP Survey, Care Homes LES, the GP Access – Saturday Service LES and Secondary/Primary Care un-resourced work transfers

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### Phlebotomy and Joint Injections LESs

Practices are urged by the LMC to keep accurate information of how many procedures for phlebotomy and minor surgery have been done between October and January 2016. This will inform review/discussion when the LESs are reviewed with the CCG at the end of January so that a case may be put forward by the LMC where the practice feels that the baseline information has been inaccurate.

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### MSK Referral Pathway

The LMC have written to the Medical Director regarding the MSK referral pathway that has been implemented by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

We have concerns that patients are experiencing unfair delays as a result of its implementation. Rotherham GPs have not been notified of the need to use the new pathway but despite this we

have had several reports of referrals being bounced back because the new pathway was not used. There have also been examples of patients already known to the service having to be re-referred through what, in these cases, amounts to a rather burdensome and cumbersome process. We have also had feedback that patients are finding the initial telephone contacts frustrating due to difficulties arranging them and a lack of clear outcomes.

Assurances have been sought that patients caught up in this process are not disadvantaged by having their treatment delayed due to 'bounced' referrals.

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### New Patient Registrations

The BMA have issued the following advice regarding new patient registrations. There is a required change here that simplifies the process that practices should be familiar with.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/11/pat-reg-sop-pmc-gp.pdf>

This should be read in conjunction with BMA guidance here:

<http://bma.org.uk/support-at-work/gp-practices/service-provision/patient-registration-for-gp-practices>

### Patient Management

### Objections

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has issued a [Data Provision Notice](#) to general practices in England advising them of its intention to collect aggregated and patient level data (NHS number, objection code and date of code only) specifically to enable the HSCIC to uphold a patient's objection to their data leaving the HSCIC. The HSCIC has requested that we share this message with GP practices. More information is available at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-provision-notices-section-259-health-social-care-act-2012>

and the HSCIC website at:-

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/yourinfo>

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### Sessional GPs Newsletter

Please find below the link to this month's sessional GPs e-newsletter. The e-newsletter has been sent out to all the sessional GPs on the BMA's membership database, but to ensure that it gets to as many sessional GPs as possible we have included the link here:-

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-3T7XL-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

## New CQC Tools for GPs

The first is an Introduction to guidance for GP practices. The new web-page [www.cqc.org.uk/gpintroguide](http://www.cqc.org.uk/gpintroguide) will give a brief overview of the inspection process, and sign-post to essential and recommended reading. This resource has been put together following feedback from primary care professionals around the clarity and accessibility of guidance.

The second are examples of inadequate practice from CQC GP inspections. The new web-tool highlights the common features of inadequate practice found in inspections so far by using anonymised examples from inspection reports, and showing the impact they have on the quality and safety of care. This follows on from the [examples of outstanding practice web-tool](#) for GP practices that was published in July.

## Intelligent General Practice Reporting Tool

The iGPR provides an electronic process for practices to provide patient information to requesting third parties, such as insurers and solicitors. Requests can include Subject Access Requests (SARs) and GP Reports. There are other systems that provide similar functionality.

LMCs have sought advice for practices on the use of this tool. Please note there is no requirement for practices to use these reporting tools, and it is for practices to decide whether they receive requests through them (rejecting these requests

should prompt the third party to request the information by alternative means) or whether to deactivate the tool.

## Cameron Fund Christmas Appeal 2015

The Cameron Fund provides help and support solely to GPs, including those who are retired, and their dependants. It aims to meet needs that vary considerably, from the elderly in nursing homes to young, chronically sick doctors and their families, and those suffering from unexpected and unpredictable problems such as relationship breakdown or financial difficulties following the actions of professional regulatory bodies.

During 2014, over 140 new requests for help were received by the Cameron Fund and they were able to help 191 new and existing beneficiaries by providing assistance to the value of £319,539. This year to date they have received 107 requests.

These referrals are received either directly from the doctor concerned, from a referral made from the LMC or from other sympathetic organisations.

As many of you will be aware, Rotherham LMC makes an annual donation to The Cameron Fund in response to their Christmas Appeal.

If any GPs or their dependants are in need of help please contact Mary Barton via tel: 020 738 80796, or email: [mary@cameronfund.org.uk](mailto:mary@cameronfund.org.uk) or post: The Cameron Fund, Tavistock House North,

Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HR. Further information is available at [www.cameronfund.org.uk](http://www.cameronfund.org.uk)

## LMC Meeting

GP constituents are reminded that they are always welcome to attend meetings of the LMC as observers. The Committee meets on the second Monday of every month (except August) in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

**NEXT  
LMC MEETING**

**14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**COMMENCING  
At 7.30 PM**

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